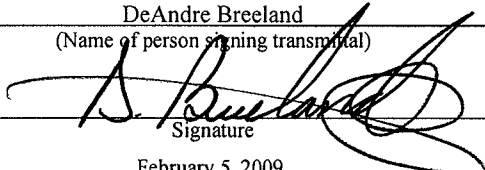


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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 11, 2008, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 11, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants submit this response by the two-month date of February 11, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.